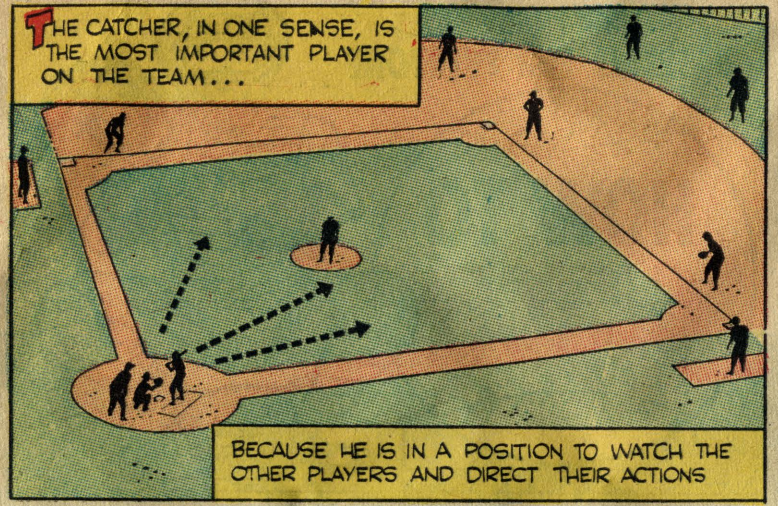
FINER POINTS OF

BASEBALL FOR EVERYONE

HOW TO CATCH

HINTS FOR LITTLE, JUNIOR, MIDGET, BABE RUTH PLAYERS



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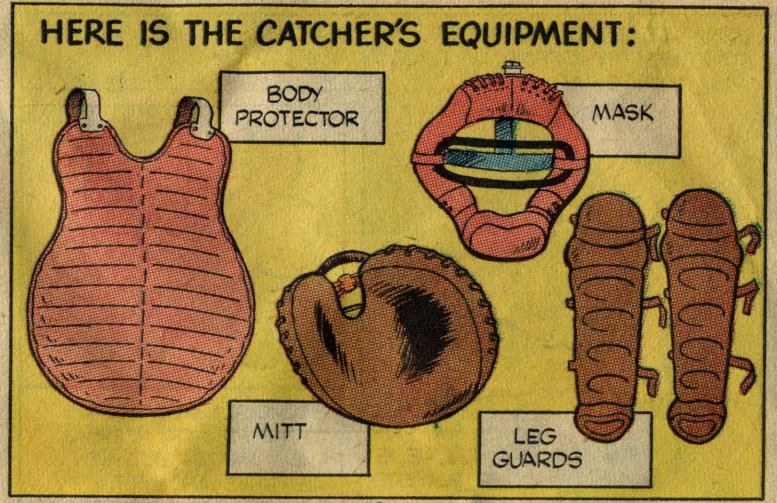
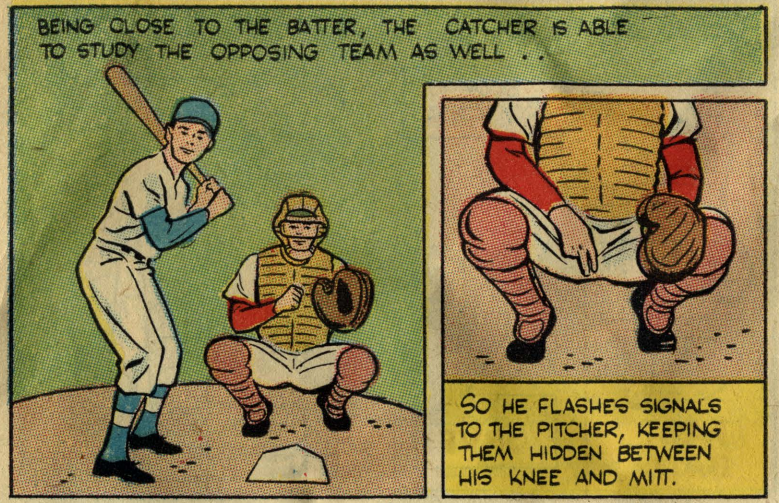
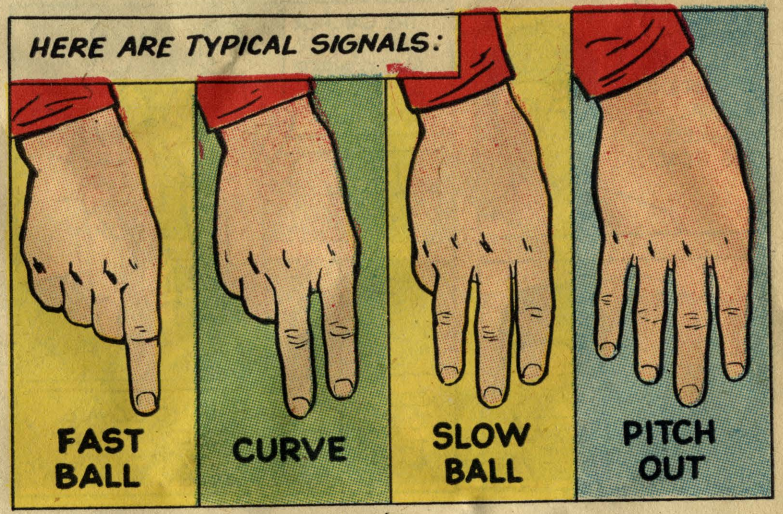
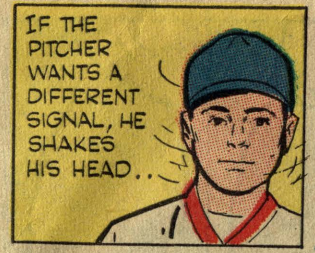
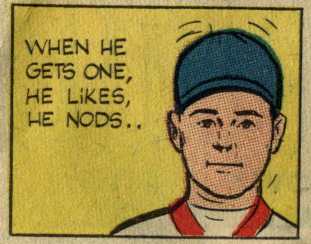
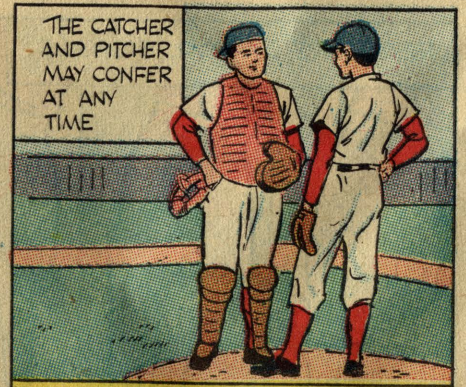



BEING CLOSE TO THE BATTER, THE CATCHER IS ABLE TO STUDY THE OPPOSING TEAM AS WELL . .
SO HE FLASHES SIGNALS TO THE PITCHER, KEEPING THEM HIDDEN BETWEEN HIS KNEE AND MITT.

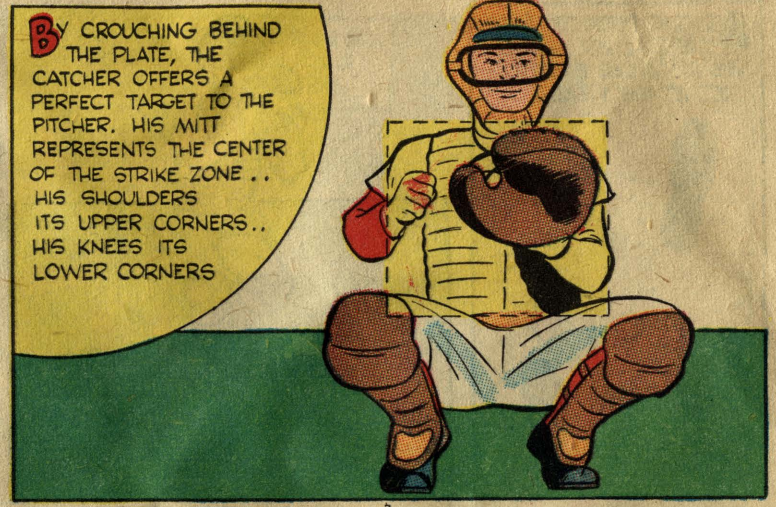

HERE ARE TYPICAL SIGNALS:
FAST BALL
CURVE
SLOW BALL
PITCH OUT

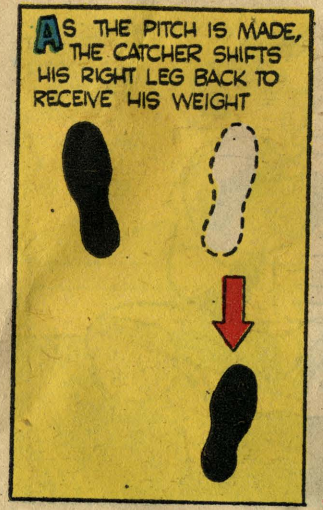




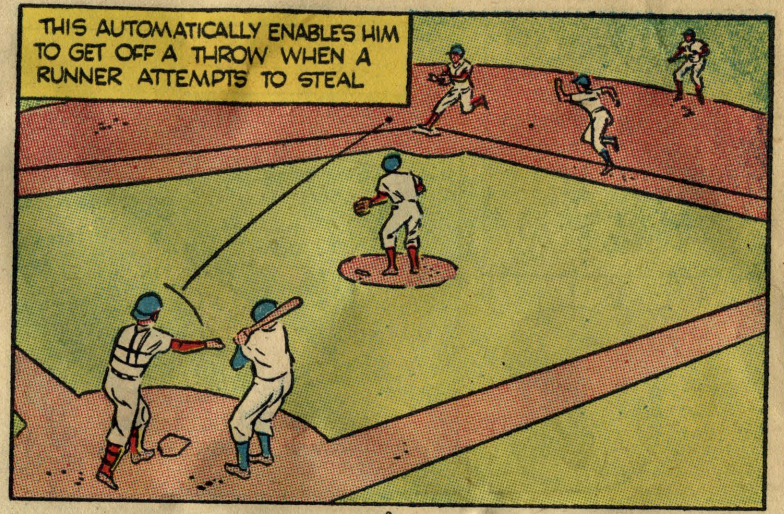


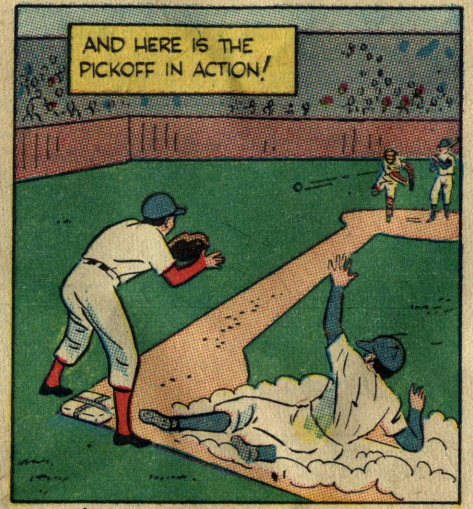
OCCASIONALLY THEY SHOULD SWITCH TO A DIFFERENT SIGNAL SYSTEM, SO THAT THE OPPOSING TEAM CAN NOT "STEAL" THEIR SIGNALS



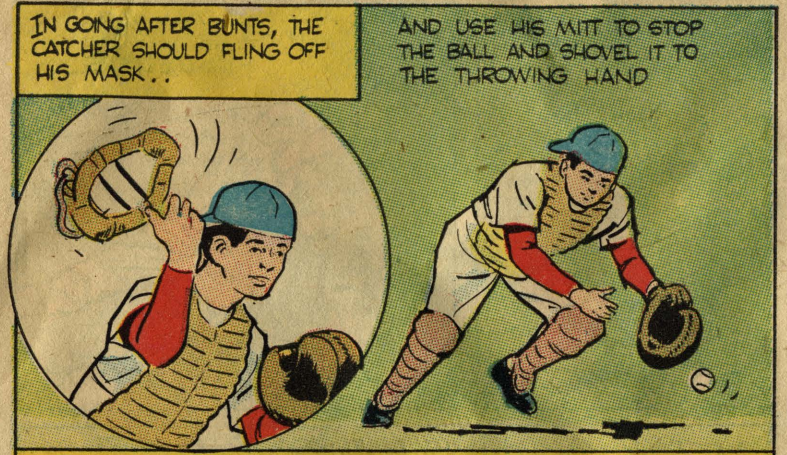

AS THE PITCH IS MADE, THE CATCHER SHIFTS HIS RIGHT LEG BACK TO RECEIVE HIS WEIGHT

AND COMES UP AND FORWARD INTO THROWING POSITION AS HE RECEIVES THE BALL

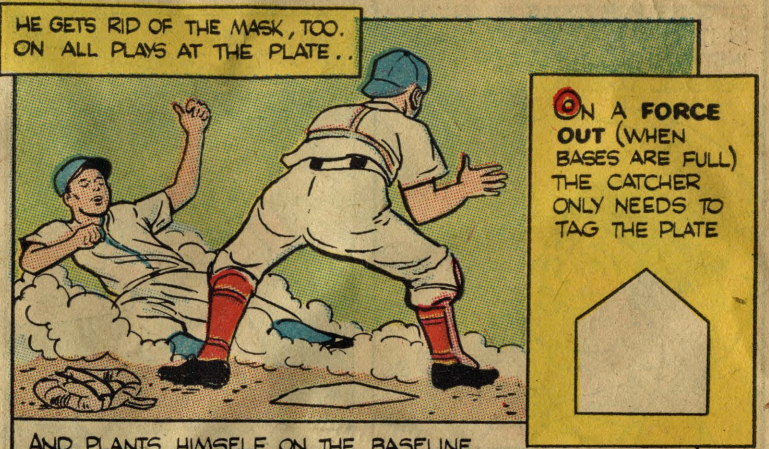

THIS AUTOMATICALLY ENABLES HIM TO GET OFF A THROW WHEN A RUNNER ATTEMPTS TO STEAL



BEING WELL COVERED WITH PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT, A SMART CATCHER USES IT TO THE UTMOST!



THAT PROCESS APPLIES WHEN FIELDING ALL LOOSE BALLS

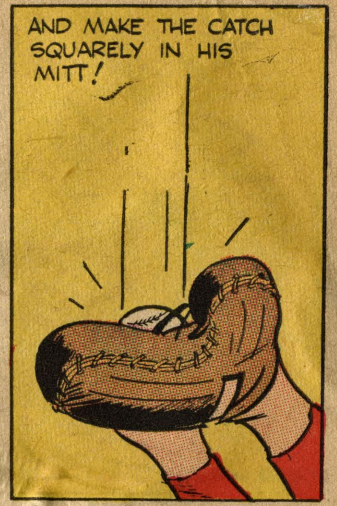


AND PLANTS HIMSELF ON THE BASELINE WAITING FOR THE BALL AND THE ARRIVING RUNNER!

CATCHING **POP FOULS** IS AN ART IN ITSELF. THE CATCHER LEARNS INSTINCTIVELY TO GUESS THEIR GENERAL DIRECTION

AND THEN GO AFTER THEM!

HE MUST GET UNDER THE BALL, ALLOWING FOR ANY BREEZE OR TRICKY BACKSPIN...


AND MAKE THE CATCH SQUARELY IN HIS MITT!

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